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Hello again!

With the simply hectic schedule I have had for the past month, it seems as if more than one month has passed!

Most people can take as much time as needed to move. But in my case, I had to get everything except essential equipment packed before the July issue was sent, then actually make the move as soon as the July issue was put in the mail to you. It is my understanding that closings typically take from three to six weeks. Ours must be one of the fastest on record - nine days!

At any rate, we are moved. But that is just the tip of the iceberg. I still have boxes whose contents are unknown sitting in various corners of the house. Also, if anyone knows where my staple remover and tacky are, please step forward and make that information known to me!

At least my stencils, paper, ink, addresses etc. were not missing, so I am able to get this August issue done within my self-appointed time schedule. About half of my yarn is unpacked and put up on shelves or yarn trees. None of the knitting machines have been set up as of this writing, but hopes are to do that later today if at all possible.

Some of my friends told me that it would take about two months to get completely unpacked and organized. Of course, I thought I would accomplish all that much sooner. However, I am beginning to believe that I may not be completely finished before fall (or maybe Christmas).

Well...my raglans book has had to take a back seat as has the production of the fourth video tape. At least this isn't the first time in my life that obstacles have been thrown in my path. Eventually everything that needs to be done will get finished. Just don't pin me down to stating the actual day!

Now it is time to come back to reality and begin thinking "knitting" again. Hopefully my thoughts will be organized by the time I travel to Philadelphia for Arlene's seminar August 9 & 10, because the following week-end I will be busily demonstrating at Hertha Wood's seminar in Iowa.

I surely hope you knit some of the nifty things from this issue. I haven't had a chance to try the Millor Carioc yarn, but Sylvia's little girl's top sounds cute. Those of you who are always searching for bulky patterns reaped a windfall this time, with two bulky vests! If you are still in a summer mood, you will want to make at least one tube top.

Well, I am out of space as usual. Be sure to turn to this page next month to find out how my unpacking and return to reality progress. 'Til then - happy knitting!

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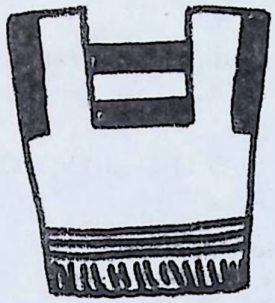
GIRL'S SUMMER TOP



Yarn: Millor Carioca

Machine: any standard 4.5 mm

Gauge: 7.5 sts and 14 rs = 1"

Tension: try 5

Sizes: 6,8,10,12,14

BACK

Cast on 92,100,108,116,122 stitches for 1x1 rib.
RC000.
Using T 3 knit 24 rows of rib for all sizes.
Transfer all stitches to the main bed.
Using T 5 and working a few contrast color stripes as desired continue knitting to row 126,134,140,154,160.*
RC000.
Bind off 10,10,12,12,14 stitches each side for underarms then knit even to row 60,66,74,80,88.
Bind off the center 40,42,42,44,44 stitches for back neck.
Knit 10 rows on each side.
Scrapp off these remaining stitches each side, or remove on a length of garter bar or stitch holder.

FRONT

Work the same as back to *.
RC000.
Bind off 10,10,12,12,14 stitches each side for underarms then knit 10 rows.
Remove the center 40,42,42,44,44 stitches on scrap.
Continue on the carriage side stitches to row 70,76,84,90,98.
Scrap these stitches off.
Knit the other side to correspond.

Join both shoulder seams.

FRONT INSERT PANEL

Wrong side facing you, pick up the center front neck stitches from scrap.
With contrast color knit 12,14,16,18,20 rows.
With main color knit 12,14,16,18,20 rows.
With contrast color knit 12,14,16,18,20 rows.
Bind off.

SLEEVE BANDS

Using contrast color cast on 76,82,90,98,106 stitches.

Knit 36,36,44,44,52 rows.
Hang a hem from the cast on edge.
With wrong side facing you, pick up stitches from the arm edge of the top (not the bound off underarm stitches, though) and bind off all stitches.

FINISHING

Sew sleeve bands to underarms, then sew side seams. Single crochet around the neckline.

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FUZZY VEST

Yarn: Nomis Conny

Machine: any chunky 9 mm

Gauge: 5 sts and 7.375 rs = 1"

Tension: try 0

Bust si zes: 34,36,38,40"

NOTE: to provide a stretch but more stable rib use one strand of Magic Yarn (a very thin elastic thread) from Nomis along with the main yarn for the ribbed bands.

BACK

Cast on 86,90,96,100 stitches for 1x1 rib.
Using T R knit 24 rows of ribbing as described above.
Transfer all stitches to the main bed and cut the elastic thread.
RC000.
T 0 knit to row 94,98,102,108.*
RC000.
Bind off 5 stitches for all sizes at the beginning of the next 2 rows.
Continue to knit, decreasing 1 stitch each side thus:

34 - EOR 5x
36 - EOR 6x
38 - EOR 8x
40 - EOR 9x.

Continue even to row 60,62,66,74, then remove all the remaining stitches on a garter bar so the piece can be turned and rehung later.

FRONT

Work as for back to *.
Shape arm edge and neck edge: Divide work. RC000. Bind off 5 stitches at the arm edge. Use the T-bar below for the simultaneous shapings.

ARM	NECK
34: EOR 5x	ev 4th row 15x
36: EOR 6x	ev 4th row 15x
38: EOR 8x	ev 4th row 12x; ev 3rd row 6x
40: EOR 9x	ev 5th row 2x; ev 4th row 16x.

Knit one more row and remove these stitches on a garter bar.
Work the other side the same, remembering to first bind off the 5 underarm stitches.

JOIN SHOULDERS

Rehang shoulder and back neck stitches with the right side facing you. Place the front shoulder stitches on the same shoulder needles, having the wrong side facing you (right sides of the garment together). Bind off across, joining the shoulder seams and binding off the back neck stitches at once.

NOTE: if desired, a fancy crocheted edge may be worked around the armholes and neckline. However, if you desire knittedbands, do these on your standard 4.5 mm machine according to the instructions given below.

ARM BANDS

Pick up 102,106,110,116 stitches along one arm edge. Beginning with T 9 knit 20 rows, gradually reducing tension to 7 then back up to 9. Hang a hem and bind off.

NECK BAND

E wrap cast on 142,146,156,164 stitches and knit 20 rows as done for the arm bands. Carefully hang a hem from the cast on row. Hang left front of vest on the first 53,55,57,61 stitches on the right side of the machine. Bind these off and gently lift them from the sinker posts. Hang the back neck on the next 36,36,42,42 stitches and again bind off. Hang the right front on the remaining 53,55,57,61 stitches and bind off.

FINISHING

Lap the edges of the neckband and stitch in place. Join the side seams.

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A special note to my standing order video tape customers:

Because of our upheaval during our move I was unable to maintain my scheduled tape production. Therefore, Machine Knitting IV will be made shortly after this issue of the newsletter is mailed - about July 22 or 23. You can probably expect to recieve your copy of that tape early in August. Please accept my apologies for this unavoidable delay.

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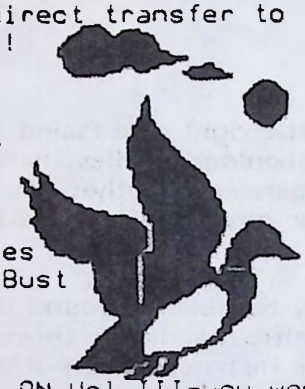

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When Alles Hutchinson, of News and Views fame, came to visit me months ago, she left me this trim to share with you. Thanks, Alles!

CRAZY LOOPS TRIM

Use a fine yarn, 2 strands of 2/24 for example, and about tension 6. Find a tension that will produce a soft texture, but not too loose.

"E" wrap cast on 7 stitches.
Knit 4 rows.
Make an eyelet on the center needle.

Knit 6 rows. Make an eyelet on the center needle.

Repeat from * to * for the length desired, then bind off.

Now, for the crazy part...Take the bound off edge and push it through the first eyelet of the cast on edge, working from back to front. Pull it all the way through, but don't draw up tight.

Again take the bound off edge and push it through the second eyelet above the cast on edge and pull through. Continue in this manner, working the strip through each eyelet. "Finger shape" as you go.

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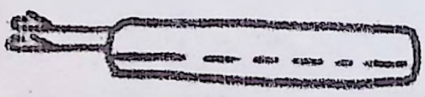

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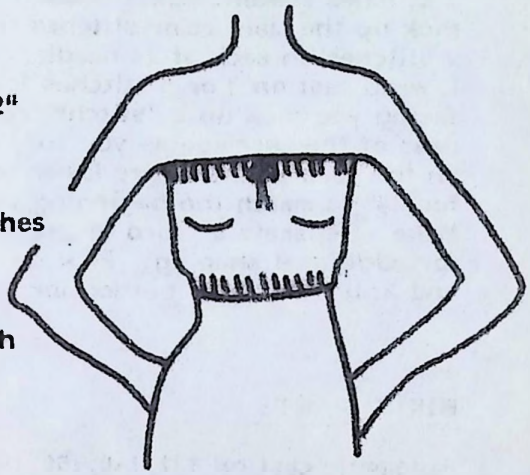
Since it is summer - and lots of summer remains - you will want to knit some of these fast and easy cool togs!

Yarn: "Silky" cotton from New Jersey Yarn Mills

Gauge: 8.25 sts and 10.75 rs = 1"

Tension: try 6

Finished bust/hip sizes: 32,34,36,38,40,42"



TUBE TOP

T 0/0 cast on 132,140,150,158,166,174 stitches for 1x1 rib.
T 2/2 knit 12 rows of ribbing.
Transfer all stitches to the main bed.
T 6 knit 32 rows for all sizes for a 7" length top - add or subtract rows in this area for your desired length.
Transfer stitches again for 1x1 rib.
T 2/2 knit 6 rows.
Transfer every other ribber stitch to its adjacent main bed needle, then return these ribber needles to work position.
Knit another 6 rows.
Knit 1 row at T 10/10. Transfer all stitches to the main bed and cast off.

Make another piece exactly the same way.

Finish by sewing side seams, keeping both eyelet sections at the top. Knit a 3 or 4 needle cord 12" longer than your upper bust (chest) measurement and thread this through the eyelets to tie at center front.

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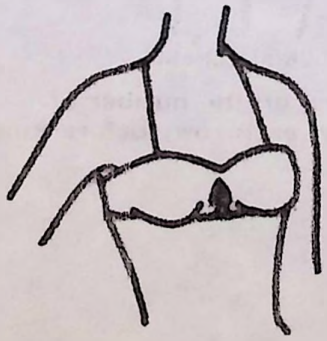

BRA TOP

All sizes cast on 48 stitches with scrap yarn and knit several rows to end at the right. Knit 1 row ravel cord. Insert main yarn and knit 1 row. Carriage is at the right. Set carriage for partial knitting. *At the carriage side put the needle closest to the edge to HP and knit 1 row.* Repeat from * to *, holding needles at each side, until 28 needles remain in work position in the center. Reverse the shaping by returning 1 needle at the side opposite the carriage to upper working position nearest the center every row then knitting a row until all

needles are again in work.
RC000.
Knit to row 11,16,16,22,22,27.
Make an eyelet at the third needle in from each side, returning the emptied needle to work position.
Continue to row 22,32,32,44,44,54.
Shape the other bra cup as the first was done, ending by knitting one row over all stitches.
Take work off on a garter bar or scrap and rehang, placing 2 stitches on each of 24 needles.
RC000. Knit, decreasing 1 stitch each side of every third row until just 2 stitches remain. Bind these off.
Pick up the main color stitches from the beginning edge of the bra, placing 2 stitches on each of 24 needles. Work from * to * above.
E wrap cast on 3 or 4 stitches for a cord and knit about 24". Wrong side facing you pick up a "stitch" from the lower edge of the bra every fourth pass of the carriage as you continue the cord. When you have knitted-on the cord to the entire lower edge of the bra, continue with the cord for 24" to match the beginning tie. Bind off.
Make a separate 8" cord to use in the center bra eyelets to tie it snugly for additional shaping. Pick up 3 or 4 stitches at the top of a bra cup and knit the length needed for a strap. Do the same for the other side.

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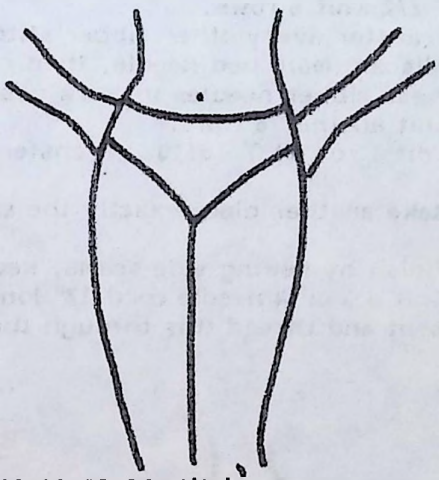
BIKINI PANTS

Automatic cast on 132,140,150,158,166,174 stitches. RC000. Knit to row 20. Hang a hem from the cast on edge. Continue knitting to row 32 (adjust length here). Place a marker at each edge to mark the beginning of the back leg shaping. RC000. Decrease two stitches at each side thus:



32" ev 3rd r 12x; ev 2nd r 15x
34" ev 3rd r 4x; ev 2nd r 27x
36" ev 2nd r 33x
38" ev 2nd r 32x; ev r 2x
40" ev 2nd r 30x; ev r 6x
42" ev 2nd r 29x; ev r 8x.

RC says 66 for all sizes.

All sizes knit 10 rows even on these 16,16,18,22,22,26 stitches.

RC000. Shape front leg shaping by "e" wrap casting on the number of stitches designated for your size at the beginning of each row, before knitting that row:

32" 2 sts 16x; 3 sts 28x
34" 2 sts 8x; 3 sts 36x
36" 3 sts 44x
38" 3 sts 40x; 4 sts 4x
40" 3 sts 32x; 4 sts 12x
42" 3 sts 28x; 4 sts 16x.

RC says 44 for all sizes and you again have 132,140,150,158,166,174 stitches.

Mark each edge stitch.
RC000.
Knit 11 rows. Knit a marking row. Continue knitting normally to row 32. Hang a hem from the marked row and bind off.
Sew side seams. Insert elastic in waistline casing. If desired, crochet around the leg openings, perhaps over round elast if extra snugness is wanted.

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COVER-UP TOP

T 0/0 cast on 132, 140, 150, 158, 166, 174 stitches for 1x1 rib. RC000 and T 2/2 knit 12 rows of ribbing. Transfer all stitches to the main bed.
RC000 and T 6 knit even in stockinet or lace to row 430, 452, 474, 496, 516, 516. Transfer stitches for 1x1 ribbing.
T 2/2 knit 12 rows of ribbing.
T 10/10 knit 1 row. Transfer all stitches to main bed and cast off.
Make another piece the same.
You have a left piece and a right piece, with no seam at the shoulders.
Sew the front seam for about 10" or desired length. Sew the back seam for about 14" or desired length.
Sew each side seam about 10".
Turn in a narrow hem around the neckline and each arm opening.
Steam thoroughly.

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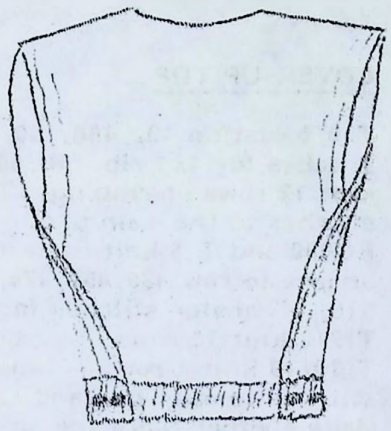
WRAP-AROUND VEST



This vest is one of those that has no side seams, but just wraps around from the back and buttons to the front at the waist ribbing. The tuck stitches along the sides not only puts a nice edge along there, but helps to eliminate the gap-o-sis that this type of vest tends to have.

Yarn: 4 ply worsted

Machine: bulky

Gauge: 4.3 sts and 5.8 rs = 1"

Tension: try 6

Sizes: 30,32,34,36,38,40,42,44

BACK

Bring up 73,77,81,85,89,93,97,101 needles and "e" wrap cast on just every other needle.
Tension 4 knit 6 rs over all 73,77,81,85,89,93,97,101 stitches.
Now, manually knit stitches 4,5 & 6 and 13,14 & 15, counting from the edge, at both edges with scrap yarn (buttonholes - 2 at each side).
Knit 6 rows.
Latch rib every other stitch for a 1x1 rib. When doing the stitches where the scrap yarn is, just unravel that scrap yarn stitch, then after latching up the first 6 bars of yarn latch up one stitch of scrap and then continue on up with the other 6 bars.

Change to Tension 6.
RC000.
Knit 2 rows. Bring needles #2,4 & 6 at both ends to HP and set machine so they will not knit and knit 2 rows. Push the HP needles back to mid position.
Repeat between ** to row 100,102,104,106,110,114,120,126 (lengthen or shorten here).
Bind off.

FRONT

Knit as for back, eliminating the buttonholes, to row 94,96,98,100,104,108,116,122 of the body.
Bind off the center 9,9,9,10,9,11,10,11 stitches. Place all needles to the left of these to HP. Knit 3 rows. Bind off 4,4,5,5,5,5,6,6 stitches at the beginning of the next row. DON'T FORGET TO KEEP THE TUCK STITCHES TUCKING IN PATTERN! Knit 2 rows. Bind off 4,4,4,4,4,5,5,5 stitches at the beginning of the next row. Knit 1 row. Bind off the remaining stitches at this side. Repeat the above shaping for the other shoulder/neckline, reversing the shaping. Continued on page 11.

BOOK REVIEW

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QUICKIES ETCETERA, by Dodie Holst, is a good book choice for those of you who have little time to knit but want easy, fast, good-looking results. The book contains twelve items plus an array of punchcard designs. There are hats, shells and other tops, a skirt and a corsage, to name a few.

I like the way Dodie has you make a practice piece in which all of the knitting techniques are practiced before actually beginning any of the projects.

The book includes a page of sketches. Its 27 pages are stapled, but holes are punched in the margin so the book can easily be inserted into any three ring binder.

Ordering information for this, plus Dodie's other books, appears in her advertisement on page 8 of this issue.

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REVERSIBLE KNITS and EASY BULKY FAVORITES are Lois Blystone's two newest books. Each book is just under 30 pages in length and sells for $8.00 plus postage/handling charges (10%). Each book is stapled, but the wide margins will let you fold the books so they lay relatively flat for easy use.

REVERSIBLE KNITS contains hats, mittens, jackets and cardigans, a pullover and a tunic - all of which are lined garments that are totally reversible. Good sketches are included of the finished products, as well as all the punchcard designs that she used for her garments.

EASY BULKY FAVORITES is a collection of various styles of sweaters - all done on the chunky machine. There are things for kids and adults of just about any size. Each garment utilizes a different fair isle or textured stitch. Cables abound, as do large intarsia color areas. I'll bet you will love her western jacket which features contrast color yoke areas and diagonal pockets up front.

You can order these books directly from Lois. See her address with this month's pattern on page 4 of this issue.

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If you have produced a book of patterns, designs or other material that would be of interest to machine knitters it could be reviewed in this newsletter. Just send a copy to me at the above address and we will review it as soon as possible.

STRICTLY FOR BEGINNERS

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The complaint that I receive most often from new knitters is that they are unable to match the gauge specified in a pattern. My desire is that each of you learn how to chart. However, I know that many of you will never learn to do so. That being the case, let us examine some ways to "fudge".

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCURATE GAUGE

Anytime we set out to explain a method to you we must have an example from which to work. For this lesson we will hypothesize a pullover that has a 40" bust and is 24" long overall. The sleeves are 15" wide at the upper arm, has an 8" cuff, and are 18" long. The gauge that the pattern writer used is, say, 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch.

So, the front and back will each be 8 stitches x 20" in width - 160 stitches.
The length of the sweater is 24" x 12 rows per inch - 288 rows over all.
The sleeve width at the upper arm is 15" x 8 stitches - 120 stitches.
The cuff is 8" x 8 stitches - 64 stitches.
The sleeve length is 18" x 12 rows per inch - 216 rows.

Let's set up several possible incorrectly matched gauges (what you might be able to get with your yarn).

7.75 stitches per inch and 11 rows per inch.

The pullover front and back is each to be 160 stitches for a 20" width.
With the above gauge your front and back will each be 160 : 7.75 or 20.645" in width, for a total bust girth of 41.29".
Your length is 288 total rows : 11 = 26.18" long.
Sleeve width is 120 stitches : 7.75 = 15.48" wide.
Sleeve cuff is 64 stitches : 7.75 = 8.258" wide.
The sleeve length is 216 rows : 11 = 19.63" long.

Widthwise the additional ease is not too bad. You might be able to "live with" those differences. But for the lengths, some adjustment may be necessary. Let's see, the pullover that you will be making is a little more than 2" longer that the desired length of 24". Since, according to your gauge 11 rows equals one inch, why not subtract 22 rows from the total length below the armhole (since we didn't change anything about the sleeve width and the sleeve must fit into the armhole).
The sleeve is a little more than 1½" longer than desired, so subtract 1½" worth of rows from the pattern. Your gauge of 11 rows per inch means you will have to subtract about 16 rows from the total sleeve length.

Adjustments to the width measurements could have been done similarly.

Another thing that can be done to calculate the size of garment to knit when your gauge does not match that which the pattern specifies:

Pattern sizes: 32,34,36,38,40" bust.
Gauge: 8 stitches per inch.
Width of the front or back: 16,17,19,19,20".
Stitches called for in the pattern: 128,136,144,152,160.

Let's say you can get just 7 stitches per inch (but your row gauge is very close to that specified in the pattern).

Divide your stitch gauge into the stitches called for for each size:

18.28"	19.42"	20.57"	21.71"	22.85"
7/128	7/136	7/144	7/152	7/160

Let's also presume that you are wanting to make a sweater having a 38" bust, which would mean that the width of the front or back would need to be 19".

Looking at the calculations performed above, the second size comes closest to the measurements needed. Therefore, although in the written instructions the second size is size 34" bust when the desired gauge of 8 stitches per inch is achieved, you would follow the instructions for that size, getting the correct size to fit your 38" bust. This would yield a 38.84" bust.

On the other hand, were you to just jump in and follow the instructions for the size 38" bust, your finished sweater would be much too large, fitting a person having a 43" bust!

So, if you are determined to use a specific pattern and you simply cannot match the gauge given for that pattern, there are ways that the pattern can be used rather effectively.

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August 16 & 17 - Amana Colonies, IA - Hertha Wood - (319)933-4937.

September 6 & 7 - Fargo, ND - [illegible]ris Jorgenson, Box 476, Hawley, MN 49.

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A KNITTING MACHINE CLUB is forming in the Burlington, Mass. area. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, please contact Shirley at (617)272-0663.

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HAVE A NICE DAY - EVERY DAY!

Remember to support our new column, "Dear Jane" by sending your questions, comments and hints to:

Jane McManus
39 Depot St.
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One of our subscribers wants to know how to do the "broken toe cast-on".

If any of you can describe that technique so we can all understand it, please send your know-how to Jane.

WE HAVE MOVED! Be sure to make a note of our correct address and phone number:

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